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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Policy and Procedures for Using
Satellite Photography in Briefings
of Foreign Officials*

25X1 1. This memorandum responds to your request for policy guidelines and procedures for briefings of senior foreign officials in which [redacted] photography and information about U.S. photographic satellite reconnaissance is used. A recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

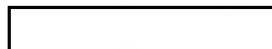
25X1 2. The heads of state or other senior political, military or intelligence officials [redacted] have been exposed to and briefed with the aid of satellite photography. (Tab A presents an historical summary of such briefings.) These briefings were authorized to accomplish certain U.S. policy objectives, and the satellite photography used in these briefings was selected to accomplish these objectives. The purposes for such briefings have included efforts to:

- gain support from our allies for possible questions that might be raised in the UN in regard to our space activities (including reconnaissance satellites);

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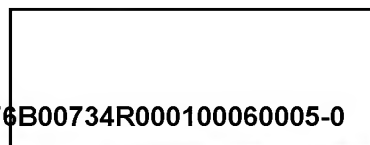
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- . support our policy toward the USSR and Cuba during the missile crisis;
- . promote confidence in our intelligence estimates relating to the missile and nuclear threat by the Soviets in Europe and the Chinese in the Far East;
- . support our policies in Vietnam, North Korea and the Middle East; and

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There has been no evidence that the most sensitive aspects of the satellite collection systems have been compromised as a result of these briefings.

3. Any program to brief foreign officials with the use of satellite photography should:

- . minimize the risk of compromise to our reconnaissance satellite program; and
- . limit such briefings to those instances where there is a clear presumption that important U.S. political, military, intelligence or economic policies will be fostered.

I believe that the attached policy guidelines and procedures (Tab B) meet these criteria.

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4. On this basis, I recommend you circulate the policy guidelines and procedures presented in Tab B to the USIB principals for their comments and suggestions.

EDWARD W. PROCTOR
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachments:

Tab A - Historical Summary,
Tab B - Policy Guidelines and Procedures,

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SUBJECT: Policy and Procedures for Using Satellite
Photography in Briefings of Foreign Officials

CONCURRENCES:

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Deputy to the DCI for the
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POLICY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE USE OF [REDACTED] MATERIALS
IN BRIEFING SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICIALS*

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1. The use of photography acquired by U.S. reconnaissance satellites, or information attributed to or about such satellites in briefing foreign officials will be limited to special situations where there is a clear presumption that the purpose of important U.S. political, military, intelligence or economic policies or objectives will be fostered.

2. Such briefings of foreign officials may be authorized only by the Director of Central Intelligence and will be limited to briefings for senior foreign officials. Procedurally, all such requests to the DCI may be made by a USIB principal only and must have the prior endorsement of the head of his department. Justification must accompany all such requests and will, as a minimum, include the substantial benefits the U.S. expects to gain as a result of such disclosures. The request must include the names of all senior foreign officials, with titles, for whom the briefing is being requested. Members of their staffs and lesser officials will usually not be included in such briefings. Any request for periodic or continuing up-date briefings must provide exceptional justification and procedures for review or rescission on reassignment or reorganization of the responsibilities of the foreign official to be briefed.

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3. In order to minimize the risk of compromise to the U.S. satellite program, the following rules apply:

- a. No photographs or written information connected with photo-satellite reconnaissance will be transferred to the possession of foreign officials. There will be no implication that further briefings will follow nor that regular access to these materials is contemplated.
- b. The use of satellite photographs for such briefings will be restricted to sanitized photographic prints. The criteria for sanitization of prints include:
 - . use of prints from partial frames of film only.
 - . removal of all attributive markings which appear on the original film (except that the month and year of the acquisition may be retained), and
 - . prints enlarged or reduced in size from the original film from which they are made.
- c. All sanitized photographs used in such briefings must be classified and labeled "TOP SECRET SENSITIVE". The use and disclosure of the compartmented codewords [] are prohibited.
- d. The briefer may state that the photographic prints or information are products of U.S. satellite reconnaissance and information pertaining to the operations or the capabilities of U.S. satellite systems may be included in the briefings only to the extent that such information is absolutely essential to accomplishing the objectives of the briefing. Two particular points will be made in these briefings:
 - . the fact that the U.S. conducts satellite reconnaissance operations is classified.
 - . the U.S. does not officially admit to conducting satellite reconnaissance operations.
- e. The briefer will caution the recipients of the sensitivity of the materials which are being used and ask that no notes be taken.

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